

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An absorber comprising:

a laminated absorbent member comprised of laminated two or more super-absorbent sheets, ~~wherein a first upper said super-absorbent~~ super-absorbent sheet of the super-absorbent sheets has an uppermost surface, each of said super-absorbent sheets containing a ~~super-absorbent~~ super-absorbent polymer capable of absorbing aqueous liquid, and

a by-pass channel member which has a channel for moving aqueous ~~liquid~~ liquid, fed to a ~~the uppermost~~ surface of said first super-absorbent ~~sheets~~ sheet, from the uppermost surface of the first ~~super-absorbent~~ super-absorbent sheet to another super-absorbent ~~sheet;~~ sheet of the super-absorbent sheets; and

wherein the by-pass channel member transports a portion of liquid disposed at the uppermost surface of the first super-absorbent sheet to said another super-absorbent sheet so that the portion of the liquid transported by the by-pass channel member to said another super-absorbent sheet is not absorbed by the first super-absorbent sheet, and the first super-absorbent sheet is closer to a skin of a user than the another super-absorbent sheet when the absorber is worn by the user.

2. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to claim 1, wherein at least one layer of the super-absorbent sheets contains 50 wt% or more of the super-absorbent polymer and a thickness ~~thereof~~ of the super-absorbent sheet is 1.5 mm or less.

3. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The absorber according to claim 2, wherein all of the super-absorbent sheets contain 50 wt% or more of the super-absorbent polymer and thicknesses ~~thereof~~ of the super-absorbent sheets are 1.5 mm or less.

4. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The absorber according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of the by-pass channel member is composed of a tube member that has a channel inside;

an entry end portion is formed by positioning one end of the tube member above the first super-absorbent sheet, or by positioning the one end of the tube member such that an end portion of the first super-absorbent sheet is inserted in the channel; and

an exit end portion is formed by positioning the other end of the tube member either above another super-absorbent sheet or under the laminated absorbent member or both, or by positioning the other end of the tube member such that at least one end of the another super-absorbent sheet is inserted in the channel.

5. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The absorber according to claim 4, wherein a water-transferring sheet is provided in the channel of the tube member.

6. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The absorber according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of the by-pass channel member is composed of a concavity-and-convexity-containing sheet member that has a concavity-and-convexity-containing surface with concave portions and convex portions on at least one surface thereof; the concavity-and-convexity-containing sheet member has apertures in some of or in all of the convex portions;

a part of the concavity-and-convexity-containing sheet member is positioned above the first super-absorbent sheet with the concavity-and-convexity-containing surface facing upward; and

another part of the concavity-and-convexity-containing sheet member is positioned either above the another super-absorbent sheet or under the laminated absorbent member or both.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to claim 1,
wherein at least a part of the by-pass channel member is composed of a non-woven sheet member;

a part of the non-woven sheet member is positioned above the first super-absorbent sheet; and

another part of the non-woven sheet member is positioned either above the another super-absorbent sheet or under the laminated absorbent member or both.

9. (Original) The absorber according to claim 8, wherein the part of the non-woven sheet member is positioned above the first super-absorbent sheet so as to rise from a surface thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) The absorber according to claim 8, wherein the part of the non-woven sheet member covers an area in a vicinity of a center portion of the first super-absorbent sheet, and functions as a skin-contact sheet.

11. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The absorber according to claim 1,
wherein at least a part of the by-pass channel member is composed of hydrophilic fiber or hydrophilic fiber bundle; and
at least the first super-absorbent sheet and the another super-absorbent sheet, which makes contact therewith, are sewn up with the hydrophilic fiber or hydrophilic fiber bundle.

12. (Withdrawn) The absorber according to claim 11, wherein a permeable fiber web is provided above the first super-absorbent sheet; and at least the permeable fiber web, the first super-absorbent sheet and said another super-absorbent sheet which makes contact therewith are sewn up by a needle-punching process.

13. (Currently Amended) An absorbent product ~~used to be fed~~ with an aqueous liquid from an upper side thereof, comprising an aqueous liquid permeable sheet member, the

absorber according to claim 1, and an aqueous liquid impermeable sheet member, from the top in this order.

14. (Previously Presented) An absorber of claim 1, wherein the by-pass channel member also transports a portion of the aqueous liquid fed directly onto the by-pass channel member to said another super-absorbent sheet.